

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2325
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SETTING UP OF AQUA FARMERS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Aqua Farmers Development Board to protect and promote the interests of aqua farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to give agriculture status to aquaculture; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): There is no proposal for setting up National Aqua Farmers` Development Board. However, an Act has recently been passed by the Parliament for the establishment of a Coastal Aquaculture Authority for regulating the activities connected with coastal aquaculture in the coastal areas and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(d)&(e): Fisheries and Aquaculture is a State Subject and as such, no proposal is with the Government for giving agriculture status to aquaculture.